GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:5
ANSWERED ON:24.07.2006
RESTRUCTURING OF I &B MINISTRY
Mollah Shri Hannan

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is considering any proposal to restructure, merge or wind up any division or department under the Ministry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the Lok Sabha.

STATEMENT AS REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 5 BY SHRI HANNAN MOLLAH FOR REPLY ON 24.07. 2006

(a) & (b): The Expenditure Reforms Commission (ERC) has, inter alia, recommended winding up of Films Division, Photo Division, Song & Drama Division, Directorate of Field Publicity, Directorate of Publication Division, handing over of Film & Television Institute of India, Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute, Directorate of Film Festivals to Film Industry; and Children's Film Society of India, to Non-Governmental Organisations; disinvesting National Film Development Corporation and Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited and reducing / rationalising the role of other units.

Since the Ministry has not accepted the ERC recommendations, the matter was placed before the Committee of Secretaries which in its meeting held on 28th April, 2004, inter alia recommended that:

"The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting shall implement the ERC recommendations and Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting shall quickly propose a road map for the implementation of the recommendations. The Field Publicity and Song & Drama Division shall be closed down and the Photo Division, Publications Division and Films Division shall be downsized substantially. The disinvestment of National Films Development Corporation and Broadcast Engineering Consultants of India Limited may be deferred."

The matter is proposed to be placed again before the Committee of Secretaries.